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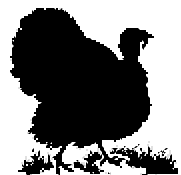
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. Demand was mixed, best for deferred shipments. Trading was reported on private label hens and toms for April thru June with price ceilings. Offerings ranged from light to adequate. Parts and meats trading was light. The market tone was mixed. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate on drums and 2-joint wings, balance of items light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Offerings were adequate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 16, 2004**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	560	JUN-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000	JUN-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	240	JUN-AUG
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	JUN-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	480	JUN-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	JUN-AUG

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EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	3020	APR-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	1940	APR-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 MARCH 2004.

The market tone on destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin was steady to firm, balance of white meat steady to fully steady. Demand on destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin was fair to good, balance of white meat light to fair. Offerings continued to be held with confidence. The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to instances weak on drums, steady to barely steady on tom 2-joint wings, steady to fully steady on necks and full-cut wings. Demand moderate. Offerings on tom necks and tom full-cut wings light, tom 2-joint wings adequate to fully adequate and tom drums mixed mostly adequate to ample. Trading centered on a fair volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Livers traded at 20.50 cents delivered domestic for pet foods and frozen mature thigh meat 77 cents shipping point. For export: livers 20, tom necks 59, plant grade 8-10 lb. breasts 85, frozen thigh trim with bone fragments 26, frozen young hen breast meat without tenderloins 132 cents shipping point.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	91.00-95.00		93.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	82.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	50.00-52.00		51.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	52.00-56.00		53.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	52.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	46.67	82
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	47.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	37.00	18
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	79.00	20
NECKS, TOM	61.00		61.00	49
NECKS, HEN		W	58.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	176.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00-195.00		192.84	81
THIGH MEAT		F	88.50	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	91.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	100.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	97.00		97.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	167.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	183.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	96.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	34.00	26
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	36.00		36.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00		48.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	32.50		32.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00-88.00		87.60	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 MARCH 2004. White meat trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on tom breast meat, balance steady to instances firm. Demand on tom breast meat light to fair, balance fair to instances good. Offerings held with confidence. The trade sentiment on tom drums was steady to instances weak, tom 2-joint wings steady to barely steady, tom necks and full-cut wings at least steady. Demand on tom bulk parts light to fair. Offerings of tom drums were adequate to ample, tom 2-joint wings adequate to fully adequate, tom necks and full-cut wings light at best. Some industry members have noted a less aggressive buyer interest on premium ground turkey products. Trading light on all items. Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts traded at 90 and 14-20 lb. breasts at 105 cents delivered domestic. Fresh thigh meat traded at 92 cents delivered export.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	53.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	52.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00		47.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	47.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00-35.00		32.69	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	79.00	20
NECKS, TOM	59.00-60.00		59.53	43
NECKS, HEN	58.00-60.00		59.25	32
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	176.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00-193.00		192.40	50
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